

Stuart Baker in his *Pigeons and Doves* appears to consider it a hill bird and gives no instance of it being recorded in any place under an elevation of 4,000 ft.

I have often seen and shot this bird in the same locality at the same time of the year, but have never seen it elsewhere. As Charduar lies in the foothills of the Himalayas at a height of under 500 ft., the recording of this bird may be of interest.

I would be very obliged if you would identify the bird for me.

CHARDUAR, LOKRA P.O.,

BALIPARA FRONTIER TRACT,

ASSAM.

June 5, 1936.

G. S. LIGHTFOOT,

I.P.

[The bird sent by Mr. Lightfoot is an Ashy Wood Pigeon (*C. pulchricollis*).—Eds.]

XXIV.—MIGRATION OF FLAMINGO (*PHOENICOPTERUS RUBER ANTIQUORUM* TEMM.) FROM NORTH GUJERAT.

Last year (*Journal*, xxxviii, 404) I recorded the one day (April 17, 1935) visit of the Flamingo to this city. Now I have to record the dates both of their arrival and departure. I have been able to trace only one other such attempt, viz., by Captain Butler, who (*S.F.*, v, 226 ff.) records from Deesa, extreme north of Gujerat, the departure of these birds. The date given by him is 20th May (1876), though he is silent on the date of their arrival. In the light of this sketchy information, the following, I hope, will be found useful.

This year, like the last, the Flamingoes arrived in the middle of April and made their temporary home in the Chandola lake. They numbered about fifty birds. Their stay terminated on June 20th, after a couple of rains.

This year almost all the lakes, tanks and rivers in this part of Gujerat had dried up which might have been one of the reasons why these birds left their usual haunts earlier and made their stay at Chandola which had a small quantity of water to enable hundreds of Sarus crane, herons, cormorants, etc., find their sustenance.

AHMEDABAD,

NORTH GUJERAT.

July 20, 1936.

HARI NARAYAN ACHARYA,

F.Z.S.

XXV.—DO BIRDS EMPLOY ANTS TO RID THEMSELVES OF ECTOPARASITES?

I have read with interest Mr. Sálím Ali's article under the above heading on p. 628 of vol. xxxviii of your valuable *Journal*, of the peculiar behaviour of certain birds when in possession of strong smelling insects,